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Four delegates have been elected to represent Montana at the White House Conference on Library and Information Services to be held in Washington, D.C., from July 9-13. Representing library and information professionals will be John York of Kalispell, with first alternate Gaye Walter of Huntley, and second alternate Karen Hatcher of Missoula. James Nybo of Helena will represent library trustees and friends, with first alternate Eleanor Gray of Miles City and second alternate Janet Stevenson of Hardin. Representing government officials will be Carl Knudsen of Saco, with first alternate Frank Davis of Dillon and second alternate Beverly Knapp of Bozeman. Deanna Parisian of Great Falls will represent the general public, with first alternate Bruce Bugbee of Missoula and second alternate Mary Conklin of Kalispell. The four delegates and eight alternates were elected by delegates to the Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services held January 6-8 in Helena. Their ballots were counted January 25 by the Governor's Conference Tellers Committee.

Reserve your spot at the State Library's second Reference Institute, scheduled for June 17-19, 1991, at the Colonial Inn in Helena. The Institute will accommodate just 50 participants, and it's first come, first served. The schedule will run from noon on Monday, June 17, until mid-afternoon on Wednesday, June 19. The Institute is designed for those who have not had formal training in library science and will cover basic reference tools, reference interviews, etc., plus mini-sessions on the libraries at the Montana Historical Society, the State Law Library, and the State Library and its government documents collection. Principal presenter is Mary Bushing, head of collection development at MSU's Renne Library. For more information or to reserve a spot at the Reference Institute, call Diane Gunderson at 444-5349. The deadline is April 19.

***Maniac Magee*, by Jerry Spinelli, has won the American Library Association's 1991 Newbery Medal for most distinguished contribution to children's literature in the United States.** David Macaulay received the ALA's 1991 Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished picture book for children for his illustration of *Black and White*. The Newbery Committee gave *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*, by Avi, edited by Richard Jackson, its Honor Book award, and the Caldecott Committee gave its Honor Book award to two titles: *Puss in Boots*, illustrated by Fred Marcellino, and *'More, More, More' Said the Baby*, written and illustrated by Vera B. Williams.

Creation of the manual for Montana's first statewide summer reading program--*Get the 'Bear' Facts-Read!*--is underway. The manual will include camera-ready art of the mascot grizzly bear reading and enjoying summertime activities, plus bibliographies, word games, craft and activity ideas and publicity tips. Libraries can request a free copy of the manual by returning a questionnaire that will be mailed out this month with the fiscal 1990 public library statistics report. The summer reading program manual will be distributed in late March to those libraries responding to the questionnaire.

The model LSCA Title II application will not be available. The cover letter attached to the latest LSCA Title II construction grant application refers to a model grant application that was to be available on request from the State Library. However, to preserve the uniqueness and variability of Title II projects, the development of a model grant application has been discontinued. As in the past, the State Library will continue to honor requests from public libraries beginning the Title II application process for copies of successful Title II grant applications.

Please change these phone numbers in your 1991 Montana Library Directory: The State Law Library's phone number in Helena is 444-3660. The new phone number for the Flathead Valley Community College library in Kalispell is 756-3856; the fax number is 756-3854.

The Montana Center for the Book's debut program on February 8 and 9 was a memorable event. The gala reception on Friday, February 8, drew about 175 people to the Montana Club, where desserts and champagne were served. On Saturday, February 9, at the Lewis & Clark Library, book designers discussed the art of book construction with about 30 people; author Ivan Doig spoke to a standing-room-only crowd in the afternoon, and a panel of Montana poets and writers regaled the audience from 2-4 p.m. with readings of their uniformly high-quality work. John Y. Cole, director of the national Center for the Book at the Library of Congress, attended the Friday reception and remarked on the enthusiastic support books and reading obviously enjoy in Montana.

Reminder: LaserCat grant applications are due Friday, March 29, 5 p.m., at the State Library. The applications were mailed out earlier this month to all libraries in Montana. Call Bob Cooper at 444-5350 if you need a LaserCat application. Also, librarians wanting to know more about LaserCat can request a copy of the Western Library Network's LaserCat booklet and a free demonstration diskette from WLN, P.O. Box 3888, Lacey, WA, 98503-0888, 206-459-6518 or 1-800-342-5956.

The Special Libraries Association has announced its 1991 professional development program schedule. The first programs are March 8; the final program is November 15. The schedule includes both full-day and two-and-a-half-day continuing education courses on copyright law, management of information technologies, human resources, marketing and public relations, and other topics. The sites vary. For more information, contact the SLA's Professional Development Section at 202-234-4700, or write for a schedule to: SLA, 1700 18th St. N.W., Washington, D.C., 20009.

A library district for the Polson area is being discussed. A recent survey of library cards indicated nearly 75% of library patrons live outside the city limits, so library board and county commission members are talking about designing a taxing district that would more closely reflect actual patron use.

The State Library wants comments on the draft Montana Telefacsimile Guidelines for Interlibrary Loan Applications. Request a copy from Darlene Staffeldt at the State Library, 1515 E. 6th Ave., Helena, 59620, 444-5381, and return comments and suggestions to her by April 15.

The following meetings and events are scheduled for FEBRUARY/MARCH:

February		
March	**17**	**St. Patrick's Day**
	20-23	**Public Library Association national conference, San Diego**

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